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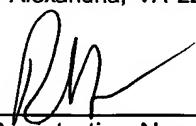
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: LAYE et al.)
Appln No.: 10/694,960)
Filed: October 28, 2003)
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-Provisional Application mailed February 3, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the present preliminary amendment be entered before examination of the present application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION: Begin on page 2.

REMARKS: Begin on page 4.